

## PUBLIC DEFENDER

### Program Goal

The Public Defender Program provides legal representation for indigent defendants in Phoenix Municipal Court.

### Budget Allowance Explanation

The 2004-05 operating budget allowance for the Public Defender Contract Administrator's Office of \$3,799,000 is \$134,000 or 3.7 percent more than the 2003-04 estimated expenditures. This increase reflects inflationary adjustments. The budget also includes decreased funding in compensation for contracted attorneys as a result of citywide budget constraints.

### Expenditure and Position Summary

|                   | 2002-03     | 2003-04     | 2004-05     |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Operating Expense | \$3,777,000 | \$3,665,000 | \$3,799,000 |
| Total Positions   | 7.6         | 7.6         | 7.6         |
| Source of Funds:  |             |             |             |
| General           | \$3,777,000 | \$3,665,000 | \$3,799,000 |

### Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Trends

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2004-05 budget allowance:

|   | 2002-03 | 2003-04* | 2004-05 |
|---|---------|----------|---------|
| Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court   | 13,200  | 14,500   | 14,500  |
| Defendants represented at Jail Court (first appearance after arrest), and K-Court (second appearance after arrest for those not bonding out after their first appearance) | 23,641  | 24,600   | 24,700  |
| *Based on 10 months actual experience.  |         |          |         |